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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/827,263	<b>Applicant(s)</b> CHEN, TING HSING	
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

1. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hokanson (US 3,990,713). Hokanson teaches a reinforcement plate (11) made from metal and made for attachment to a skateboard (50) using fasteners (through apertures 19), the plate including at least two ribs (e.g., 13, 15; 37, 39; 47, 49) which are provided at a center bottom portion (i.e., between the end portions) and plural flat surfaces, in one of which is formed a plurality of apertures (19). The reference to Hokanson fails to teach the plural flat surfaces as each having apertures therein. The duplication of portions of an element for the purpose of enhancing/magnifying its taught function is old and well known, and as such, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a further flat surface with an aperture therein for the purpose of providing the plate with a further connection location, thus strengthening the reinforcement when attached to the board.

### **Conclusion**

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Rodriguez (US 2,200,935), Magyar (US 3,153,543), Bostick (US 3,235,282), Tibbals (US 4,234,204), Meridith (US 4,458,907), Wang (US 4,799,702), McCowan (US 4,991,066), Bollotté (US 5,419,570), and Day et al. (US 2002/0153685) teach skateboard structures and attachments of pertinence.

3. Any inquiry specifically concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Vanaman whose telephone number is 571-272-6701.

Any inquiries of a general nature or relating to the status of this application may be made through either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information

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